

CBS News Special Report (The Resignation of President Nixon)

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From Tuesday August 6th, 1974 CBS News Special Report on the resignation of President Richard M. Nixon

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three minutes ago the position is unchanged he does not intend to resign a few minutes after that press secretary Ronald Ziegler said we cannot confirm any of the rumors nor will we but there have been enough parallel developments to warrant this special report on the crisis at the White House first two newspapers the Providence Rhode Island journal bulletin and the Phoenix Gazette both quoting reliable and unimpeachable sources reported this afternoon that the president has concluded that he should resign ABC News reported that senator Barry Goldwater has been telling fellow senators that the president will quit senator Goldwater later denied that report in any event mr. Warren would neither confirm nor deny those published reports The Associated Press Today quoted an unnamed presidential aide as saying that he would not rule out a presidential resignation but quote I have no inkling it will be today and the United Press International reported this afternoon that the president's family was all at the White House including son-in-law Edward Cox who arrived from New York City this afternoon what all this adds up to is not really clear other than the beginning of the end perhaps of Richard Nixon's presidency dan Rather who has covered that presidency is ready at the White House dan what do you make of it well Roger I can only report to you what others report to us because as you know so well we're allowed to see very little ourselves one White House source who in the past has been very good I have never known him to be wrong that isn't to say that he couldn't be wrong this time told CBS News within the hour that President Nixon is considering a resignation that there will be no announcement today that there will be an announcement sometime this week that it probably will come tomorrow now I emphasize that that's a White House aide who declines use of his name he could very well be wrong two high-ranking White House aides who claimed to have seen President Nixon within the past 24 hours say that they found the the president to be at least on the surface tranquil that was their exact words tranquil and that they saw nothing to indicate any change

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they saw nothing to indicate any change in his intention not to resign it's been that kind of contradictory day in terms of reports senator Goldwater by the way Roger to follow up on something you said earlier as told CBS News and other Porter's in regards to the story that was carried early in the afternoon that he's the nurturer Goldwater thought the president would resign Goldwater called that an expletive deleted lie Goldwater says that he has not talked the president anytime in recent weeks doesn't have any idea what the president is going to do and that he Goldwater thinks the press is getting out of hand that's pretty well where things stand Roger frankly you've asked me for a judgment I would be very surprised if there is any announcement of any kind today I think we probably will have one tomorrow certainly we'll have one sometime before the end of the week an announcement one way or the other dan would you describe the mood in the building behind you there at the White House well the mood the tone the atmosphere here in in the White House is today one of tension waiting I think it fair to say that most members of the president's staff high and low believe that the administration is coming to an end it may not turn out that way but that's the way I believe most of members of the staff think that one way or the other they would be very surprised

to be to have President Nixon working here by the end of the year but we're dealing let me emphasize with a tone a mood in terms of the way the staff feels the important thing is what is in the president's mind and heart to conclude this special report presidential press secretary Ron Ziegler said today we cannot confirm rumors of a presidential resignation nor will we and assistant press secretary Daryl Warren said the position is unchanged the president does not intend to resign I'm Roger Mudd CBS News New York this has been a special report from CBS News

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